

GOAL AND POLICY DIGEST

The following tables list the goals and accompanying policy titles for each chapter. The policy titles are for reference and ease of use. Please refer to the text in each chapter to see the complete policies.

TABLE 11-1
GOALS AND POLICIES BY CHAPTER

AIR QUALITY GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal AQ 1 Per capita vehicle- miles-traveled countywide will be substantially reduced consistent with statewide targets.

Policy AQ 1.1 Compact development
Policy AQ 1.2 Reduce vehicle miles traveled
Policy AQ 1.3 Convenient alternative transportation
Policy AQ 1.4 Alternative transportation improvements
Policy AQ 1.5 Transportation efficiency
Policy AQ 1.6 Multi-modal transportation
Policy AQ 1.7 Bicycle and pedestrian travel
Policy AQ 1.8 Support SLO Regional Rideshare
Policy AQ 1.9 Use of rail

Goal AQ 2 The County will be a leader in implementing air quality programs and innovations.

Policy AQ 2.1 County employee trip reduction
Policy AQ 2.2 County employee business travel
Policy AQ 2.3 Convert County fleet
Policy AQ 2.4 Waste collection vehicles
Policy AQ 2.5 Use of clean fuels
Policy AQ 2.6 Alternative fuel incentives



AIR QUALITY GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal AQ 3 State and federal ambient air quality standards will, at a minimum, be attained and maintained.

Policy AQ 3.1 Coordinate with other jurisdictions

Policy AQ 3.2 Attain air quality standards

Policy AQ 3.3 Avoid air pollution increases

Policy AQ 3.4 Toxic exposure

Policy AQ 3.5 Equitable decision making

Policy AQ 3.6 Strategic growth principles

Policy AQ 3.7 Reduce vehicle idling

Policy AQ 3.8 Reduce dust emissions

Goal AQ 4 Greenhouse gas emissions from County operations and community-wide sources will be reduced from baseline levels by a minimum of 15% by 2020.

Policy AQ 4.1 Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Policy AQ 4.2 Identify greenhouse gas emissions

Policy AQ 4.3 GHG emissions from County operations

Policy AQ 4.4 Development projects and land use activities

Policy AQ 4.5 Carbon Sequestration

Policy AQ 4.6 Regional organizations

Goal AQ 5 The County will adapt to adverse climate change.

Policy AQ 5.1 Adapt to climate change

Policy AQ 5.2 Public awareness

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal BR 1 Native habitat and biodiversity will be protected, restored, and enhanced.

Policy BR 1.1 Protect Sensitive Biological Resources

Policy BR 1.2 Limit Development Impacts

Policy BR 1.3 Environmental Review

Policy BR 1.4 No Net Loss

Policy BR 1.5 Establish and Maintain a Network of Major Ecosystems

Policy BR 1.6 Ecosystem Management

Policy BR 1.7 Ecosystem Education

Policy BR 1.8 Effects of Major Ecosystems



BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Policy BR 1.9 Preserve Ecotones

Policy BR 1.10 Identify and Protect Ecologically Sensitive Areas

Policy BR 1.11 Protect Wildlife Nursery Areas and Movement Corridors

Policy BR 1.12 Development Impacts to Corridors

Policy BR 1.13 Maintain Safe Wildlife Movement

Policy BR 1.14 Wildlife and Roadways

Policy BR 1.15 Restrict Disturbance in Sensitive Habitat during Nesting Season

Policy BR 1.16 Land Acquisition

Policy BR 1.17 Resource Conservation Districts

Goal BR 2 Threatened, rare, endangered, and sensitive species will be protected.

Policy BR 2.1 Coordinate with Trustee Agencies

Policy BR 2.2 Promote Early Consultation with Other Agencies

Policy BR 2.3 Habitat Conservation Plans

Policy BR 2.4 Species Recovery Programs

Policy BR 2.5 Species Recovery Plans and General Plan Amendments

Policy BR 2.6 Development Impacts to Listed Species

Policy BR 2.7 Fire Suppression and Sensitive Plants and Habitats

Policy BR 2.8 Invasive Plant Species

Policy BR 2.9 Promote Use of Native Plant Species

Policy BR 2.10 Integrated Pest Management

Policy BR 2.11 Control Spread of Non-native Invasive Animal Species

Goal BR 3 Maintain the acreage of native woodlands, forests, and trees at 2008 levels.

Policy BR 3.1 Native Tree Protection

Policy BR 3.2 Protection of Native Trees in New Development

Policy BR 3.3 Oak Woodland Preservation

Policy BR 3.4 Vegetation and Wildlife Disease Management Programs

Policy BR 3.5 Non-native Trees

Goal BR 4 The natural structure and function of streams and riparian habitat will be protected and restored.

Policy BR 4.1 Protect Stream Resources

Policy BR 4.2 Minimize Impacts from Development

Policy BR 4.3 Alluvial Well Extractions



BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Policy BR 4.4 Vegetated Treatment Systems (Low Impact Development Techniques)

Policy BR 4.5 Encourage Stream Preservation on Private Lands

Policy BR 4.6 Encourage Stream Preservation on Public Lands

Policy BR 4.7 Contamination from Pesticides

Policy BR 4.8 Runoff from County Lands

Policy BR 4.9 Pesticide Reduction

Policy BR 4.10 Vector Control

Goal BR 5 Wetlands will be preserved, restored, and enhanced.

Policy BR 5.1 Protect Wetlands

Policy BR 5.2 No Net Loss of Wetlands

Policy BR 5.3 Wetland Conversion

Policy BR 5.4 Wetlands on Agricultural Lands

Goal BR 6 The county's fisheries and aquatic habitats will be preserved and improved.

Policy BR 6.1 Avoid Impacts to Fisheries

Goal BR 7 Significant marine resources will be protected.

Policy BR 7.1 Coastal Protection

Policy BR 7.2 Protection of Marine Resources

Policy BR 7.3 Best Management Practices

Policy BR 7.4 Sedimentation

Policy BR 7.5 Morro Bay Watershed

Policy BR 7.6 Morro Bay Estuary Water Quality

Policy BR 7.7 Watershed Protection

CULTURAL RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES**Goal CR 1 The County will have a strong, positive community image that honors our history and cultural diversity.**

Policy CR 1.1 Cultural Identity

Goal CR 2 The County will promote public awareness and support for the preservation of cultural resources in order to maintain the county's uniqueness and promote economic vitality.

Policy CR 2.1 Community Participation

Policy CR 2.2 Acquisition

Policy CR 2.3 "Living Resources"



CULTURAL RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES**Goal CR 3 The county's historical resources will be preserved and protected.**

Policy CR 3.1 Historic Preservation

Policy CR 3.2 Historic Preservation Programs

Policy CR 3.3 Remodeling and Reconstruction

Goal CR 4 The county's known and potential Native American, archaeological, and paleontological resources will be preserved and protected.

Policy CR 4.1 Non-development Activities

Policy CR 4.2 Protection of Native American Cultural Sites

Policy CR 4.3 Cultural Resources and Open Space

Policy CR 4.4 Development Activities and Archaeological Sites

Policy CR 4.5 Paleontological Resources

Policy CR 4.6 Resources-Based Sensitivity

ENERGY GOALS AND POLICIES**Goal E 1 The County will have an environmentally sustainable, local supply of energy for all county residents.**

Policy E 1.1 Meeting energy needs

Policy E 1.2 Local control

Policy E 1.3 Renewable energy and county facilities

Policy E 1.4 Methane

Policy E 1.5 Waste burning

Goal E 2 Energy consumption at County facilities shall be reduced by 20% from 2006 levels by 2020.

Policy E 2.1 Energy efficiency

Policy E 2.2 Energy consumption

Policy E 2.3 Energy and water

Goal E 3 Energy efficiency and conservation will be promoted in both new and existing development.

Policy E 3.1 Use of renewable energy

Policy E 3.2 Energy efficient equipment

Policy E 3.3 Use of renewable energy for water and wastewater

Policy E 3.4 Incentives for energy conservation

Policy E 3.5 Demonstration projects

Policy E 3.6 Energy conservation in agriculture



ENERGY GOALS AND POLICIES**Goal E 4 Green building practices will be integrated into all development.**

Policy E 4.1 Integrate green building practices

Policy E 4.2 Green building incentives

Policy E 4.3 Green County facilities

Policy E 4.4 Solar exposure

Policy E 4.5 Healthy indoor environments

Goal E 5 Recycling, waste diversion, and reuse programs will achieve as close to zero waste as possible.

Policy E 5.1 Source reduction and waste diversion

Policy E 5.2 County operations and waste

Policy E 5.3 Biomass and composting

Policy E 5.4 Construction and demolition waste

Policy E 5.5 Sustainable materials in County buildings

Goal E 6 The use of renewable energy resources will be increased.

Policy E 6.1 Sustainable energy sources

Policy E 6.2 Commercial solar and wind power and other renewable energy systems

Policy E 6.3 Small-scale renewable energy resources

Policy E 6.4 Solar electric power facilities

Policy E 6.5 Geothermal resources

Policy E 6.6 Distributed energy

Policy E 6.7 Cogeneration facilities

Policy E 6.8 Renewable Energy Resources

Policy E 6.9 Renewable Energy Facility Siting

Goal E 7 Design, siting, and operation of non-renewable energy facility will be environmentally appropriate. .

Policy E 7.1 Energy Facility Siting

Policy E 7.2 Facility Upgrades and Replacements

Policy E 7.3 Safety Coordination

Policy E 7.4 National Repository for Nuclear Waste



MINERAL RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal MN 1 Conservation and development of significant mineral deposits will be a high priority, but will be balanced with other County general plan goals and policies.

Policy MN 1.1 Balance Test

Goal MN 2 Significant mineral resources will be protected from land uses that threaten their availability for future mining.

Policy MN 2.1 Protect Mineral Resources

Policy MN 2.2 Incompatible Development

Policy MN 2.3 General Plan Amendments

Policy MN 2.4 Discretionary Land Use Permits

Goal MN 3 Balance mining of mineral resources with sensitive natural resources and existing adjacent uses.

Policy MN 3.1 Environmental effects

Policy MN 3.2 Reclamation

Policy MN 3.3 Environmentally and Visually Sensitive Areas

Policy MN 3.4 Site restoration

Policy MN 3.5 Best Management Practices

Policy MN 2.6 Site Inventory

OPEN SPACE RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal OS 1 Important open space areas will be identified, protected, sustained, and where necessary, restored and reclaimed.

Policy OS 1.1 Future Open Space Protection

Policy OS 1.2 Consolidation of Public and Private Lands

Policy OS 1.3 Supporting other agencies

Policy OS 1.4 Retention of public lands for open space

Policy OS 1.5 Retention of BLM lands

Policy OS 1.6 Open Space Contracts

Policy OS 1.7 Open space resource protection

Policy OS 1.8 Land Divisions and Development

Policy OS 1.9 Acquisition Preferences

Policy OS 1.10 Interagency coordination for acquisition

Policy OS 1.11 County Land Acquisition Consistent with Parks and Recreation Element



OPEN SPACE RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Policy OS 1.12 Funding of Land Acquisition

Policy OS 1.13 Tax Default Acquisition and Sale of Excess and Tax Delinquent Properties

Policy OS 1.14 Land Exchange of County-owned properties

Policy OS 1.15 Land Use Designation for County lands

Goal OS 2 Open space resources will be protected and sustained on public lands.

Policy OS 2.1 Open space management to protect, sustain and restore

Policy OS 2.2 Coordinate open space management

Policy OS 2.3 Best Management Practices on Public Lands

Policy OS 2.4 Disposal of biosolids on open space lands

Policy OS 2.5 Grazing and agricultural uses on County lands

Policy OS 2.6 Support federal lands for grazing

Policy OS 2.7 Coordination open space planning

Policy OS 2.8 Management of Natural Area Preserves

Policy OS 2.9 Recreational use of publicly-owned open space

Policy OS 2.10 Off-Highway Vehicles

Goal OS 3 Ongoing public education programs about conservation, protection, and stewardship of open space resources will be encouraged.

Policy OS 3.1 Ongoing education and outreach

Policy OS 3.2 Conservation and Protection by Private Landowners

Goal OS 4 Urban sprawl and inappropriate development of rural areas will be prevented.

Policy OS 4.1 Define urban areas to prevent sprawl

Policy OS 4.2 Maintain community separators

Policy OS 4.3 Conversion of rural areas to Urban Lands

Policy OS 4.4 Annexation of urban development

Policy OS 4.5 Maintain large parcels

Policy OS 4.6 Conversion to small-lot rural parcels

Policy OS 4.7 Cooperation with cities



SOIL RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal SL 1 Soils will be protected from wind and water erosion, particularly that caused by poor soil management practices.

Policy SL 1.1 Prevent Loss of Topsoil in All Land Uses

Policy SL 1.2 Promote Soil Conservation Practices in All Land Uses

Policy SL 1.3 Minimize Erosion associated with New Development

Goal SL 2 Watersheds and ecological function will be maintained through soil conservation.

Policy SL 2.1 Protect Watersheds and Aquifer Recharge Areas

Goal SL 3 Important Agricultural Soils will be conserved.

Policy SL 3.1 Conserve Important Agricultural Soils

VISUAL RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal VR1 The natural and agricultural landscape will continue to be the dominant view in rural parts of the county.

Policy VR 1.1 Adopt Scenic Protection Standards

Goal VR 2 The natural and historic character and identity of rural areas will be protected.

Policy VR 2.1 Develop in a manner compatible with Historical and Visual Resources

Policy VR 2.2 Site Development and Landscaping Sensitively

Policy VR 2.3 Revise Countywide Design Guidelines

Goal VR 3 The visual identities of communities will be preserved by maintaining rural separation between them.

Policy VR 3.1 Identify and Protect Community Separators

Policy VR 3.2 Community Involvement

Policy VR 3.3 Conservation Tools

Policy VR 3.4 Community Edges

Policy VR 3.5 Annexation in Community Separators



VISUAL RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES**Goal VR 4 Protect visual resources within visual Sensitive Resource Areas (SRAs) for scenic corridors.**

Policy VR 4.1 Designation of Scenic Corridors

Policy VR 4.2 Balanced Protection

Policy VR 4.3 Agricultural Uses in Scenic Corridors

Policy VR 4.5 Scenic Corridor Roadway Design

Goal VR 5 Views from scenic vistas and vista points will be protected.

Policy VR 5.1 Retain Existing Scenic Access

Policy VR 5.2 Create New Scenic Access

Policy VR 5.3 Sale of Public Lands

Goal VR 6 A cohesive visual character will be maintained in urban areas.

Policy VR 6.1 Urban Design

Goal VR 7 Views of the night sky and its constellations of stars will be maintained.

Policy VR 7.1 Nighttime Light Pollution

Goal VR 8 Visual intrusions of signs will be minimized within public view corridors.

Policy VR 8.1 Billboards

Policy VR 8.2 Informational or Interpretive Signs

Goal VR 9 The visual effects of utility lines will be minimized.

Policy VR 9.1 Underground Utilities

Policy VR 9.2 Utility Service Lines

Policy VR 9.3 Communications Facilities

Policy VR 9.4 Co-location of communication facilities

WATER RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES**Goal WR 1 The County will have a reliable and secure regional water supply (IRWM).**

Policy WR 1.1 Protect water supplies

Policy WR 1.2 Conserve Water Resources

Policy WR 1.3 New Water Supply

Policy WR 1.4 Use reclaimed water

Policy WR 1.5 Interagency projects



WATER RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Policy WR 1.6 Water dependent species

Policy WR 1.7 Agricultural operations

Policy WR 1.8 Use of surface water projects

Policy WR 1.9 Discourage new water systems

Policy WR 1.10 Water wheeling

Policy WR 1.11 Reduce RMS alert levels

Policy WR 1.12 Impacts of new development

Policy WR 1.13 Density increases in rural areas

Policy WR 1.14 Avoid net increase in water use

Policy WR 1.15 Desalination opportunities

Goal WR 2 The County will collaboratively manage groundwater resources to ensure sustainable supplies for all beneficial uses.

Policy WR 2.1 Groundwater quality assessments

Policy WR 2.2 Groundwater basin reporting programs

Policy WR 2.3 Well permits

Policy WR 2.4 Groundwater recharge

Policy WR 2.5 Groundwater banking programs

Goal WR 3 Excellent water quality will be maintained for the health of people and natural communities.

Policy WR 3.1 Prevent water pollution

Policy WR 3.2 Protect watersheds

Policy WR 3.3 Improve groundwater quality

Policy WR 3.4 Water quality restoration

Policy WR 3.5 Support Resource Conservation Districts

Policy WR 3.6 Prevent pollution of water sources

Goal WR 4 Per capita potable water use in the county will decline by 20 percent by 2020.

Policy WR 4.1 Reduce water use

Policy WR 4.2 Water pricing structures

Policy WR 4.3 Water conservation

Policy WR 4.4 Reuse wastewater

Policy WR 4.5 Water for recharge

Policy WR 4.6 Graywater



WATER RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Policy WR 4.7 Low Impact development

Policy WR 4.8 Efficient irrigation

Goal WR 5 The best possible tools and methods available will be used to manage water resources.

Policy WR 5.1 Watershed approach

Policy WR 5.2 Climate change

Policy WR 5.3 Cooperative water planning and management

Goal WR 6 Damage to life, structures, and natural resources from floods will be avoided.

Policy WR 6.1 Integrated management

Policy WR 6.2 Region-wide permitting

Policy WR 6.3 Drainage problems

Policy WR 6.4 Integrated drainage approach

Policy WR 6.5 Stream channelization

Policy WR 6.6 Relocation of stream courses

Policy WR 6.7 Areas prone to flooding

